



**REGULAR MEETING  
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 09, 2022**

**7:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Cedar Springs City Hall  
66 S. Main St.  
Cedar Springs, Michigan**

1. **Conley** called the meeting to order at 7pm and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Lisa Atchison	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Ashley Hamel	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Molly Nixon, Mayor Pro Tem	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Renee Race	<u>Excused</u>
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor	<u>Present.</u>

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Nixon** to excuse Race.

**Voice Vote.**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

*The Council welcomes and encourages the public to speak during the public comment and public hearing portions of the agenda. However, Council policy is to hear the public comment, not to act on the public comment at this time. Concerns brought before the Council during the Public Comment portion of the agenda will be referred to the City Manager for action. If, after communicating with the City Manager, no resolution is reached, the concern will be elevated to the Mayor and then eventually to the Council for action.*

*Those citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda items will be allowed a maximum of four minutes each to address their concerns. This is the only time during the Council meeting that citizens are allowed to address the Council. Please state your name and address for the record if you would like.*

**Kame Howe** reported the Library has had several successful events including story time, reading bingo, blood drive, birthday party and more. She reported that the Summer Reading Program will begin next week.

**Carol Glanville** reported that she has been appointed to the Insurance and Commerce/Tourism committees. She will be meeting with the Michigan Township Association regarding septic standards.

**Dan Spitzbergen** urged the City Council to add the Multifamily Housing issue to the agenda. He reported Ordinance 53 states that existing non-conforming uses could continue the use legally. He reported that in 1982, Ordinance 53 was passed to stop future Multifamily developments and single family home conversions.

**Sue Wolfe** reported that the City of Cedar Springs is one of the only communities in the area that has a rental program. She stated that the rental inspection program holds landlords at a higher standard than homeowners. She informed the board that approximately 85% of rentals pass their inspections on the first time. She thought this was an indication that the homes were safe. She urged the board to take action.

**Mark Laws** is running for the Kent County Commissioner in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. He supports kentcontract.com He wants to support the community not lobbyist.

**Chris Conflitti** reiterated that no legal action has been taken. He referenced ordinance 53 as a resolution to the problem. He reported that he wants to make the repairs to his building at 67 E Beech. He has submitted the paperwork to do so, but he needs a response from the city.

**Derek Wladischkin** reiterated that here are no legal attorneys involved. He reported that he has affordable rental units that cannot be rented be cause this issue is unresolved. He reported at single family homes aren't being required to have paved driveways and green space. He urged the council to take action.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Gross** seconded by **Atchison** to adopt the agenda with the addition of 7B **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 A Resolution To Establish A Request For Funding, Designate An Agent, Attest To The Existence Of Funds And Commit To Implementing A Maintenance Program For Resurfacing Funded By The Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Atchison** to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8C **Discussion on Multifamily Housing.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Atchison** to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8D [Update on Coval Property.](#)

**Roll Call Vote**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA.

*Councilmembers may request that any or all items be removed from the Consent Agenda. A motion is then in order to adopt all items not removed from the Consent Agenda. Requesting the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda is a prerogative afforded each councilmember and does not require the support of other councilmembers.*

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting May 12, 2022.
- B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 46342 thru 46429 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$261,530.48.
- C. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 A Resolution To Elect Hard Cap For The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year For Act 152 Of 2011: Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contributions.
- D. Motion to approve the presented budget amendments for the 2021-2022 budget.
- E. Motion to approve of A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF COVENANTS OF USE AND PURPOSE FOR THE WEST STREET EDA PROJECT .
  - i. COVENANT OF PURPOSE, USE, AND OWNERSHIP for the benefit of the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
- F. Motion to authorize payment of \$7,000 to North Kent Community Enrichment for 2022-2023 operations.

Motion by **Gross** seconded by **Atchison** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion to approve the painting of the cold storage building at 66 S. Main St. for a cost not to exceed \$9,840 by K&A Painting LLC.

**Womack** reported that the colors of the building have not been finalized.

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Hamel** to approve the painting of the cold storage building at 66 S. Main St. for a cost not to exceed \$9,840 by K&A Painting LLC.

**Roll Call Vote**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

- B. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 A Resolution To Establish A Request For Funding, Designate An Agent, Attest To The Existence Of Funds And Commit To Implementing A Maintenance Program For Resurfacing Funded By The Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.

Motion by **Gross** seconded by **Atchison** to approve Resolution 2022-16 A Resolution To Establish A Request For Funding, Designate An Agent, Attest To The Existence Of Funds And Commit To Implementing A Maintenance Program For Resurfacing Funded By The Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program.

**Roll Call Vote**

**6-0**

**Motion Carried.**

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Discussion on White Creek Flats Brownfield TIF projections
  - i. Updated Eligible Financed Expenses

**Conley** was generally in favor of the project because it will assist in completing critical infrastructure. **Hamel** supported the Brownfield in general. **Gross** needs an answer on how the Solon Township Tax levy will impact the funding that will be collected by the City. **Nixon** was generally in favor of the Brownfield, but wanted to make sure that it didn't cost the city. **Wally Bulkowski** reported that the proposed road for the thru to Cherry Street would be private road and would grant an easement for future public extension of Cherry Street.

- B. Discussion regarding Ordinance 241 An Ordinance To Amend Section 32-556 Pertaining To The Swimming Pools Of Chapter 32, "Zoning," Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cedar Springs. The Proposed Ordinance Modifies And Sets Standards For Swimming Pools For The City Of Cedar Springs. – First Reading.

**Gross** inquired how fencing would be enforced and which code would be required to be followed. **Womack** reported that the proposed would update the ordinance and integrated relevant codes into the ordinance.

C. Discussion on Multifamily Housing.

**Gross** suggested that the topic be discussed in closed session with the City Attorney. **Powell** questioned trying to find Ordinance 53, but it should be referred to as, Chapter 32, Article 5 Non-Conforming Uses. **Nixon** would also support a special meeting to if needed to resolve the issue.

D. Coval Property.

**Womack** reported that he hasn't made progress on the option to lease the city property because he has been busy.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Community Event Calendar
- B. 2022 Calendar
- C. June 4, 2022 and July 16, 2022 Chamber of Commerce Side Walk Sales Community Event
- D. June 8, 2022 Chamber of Commerce Family Fun Night Community Event
- E. Patriot Motor Show Community Event Update July 2, 2022
- F. Comedies at the Kent Movie Series 2022 at the Kent Theater 8 North Main St.
- G. Music in the Heart Free Summer Music Series at the HOCS Amphitheater 37 West Maple St.
- H. Red Flannel Festival Community Event Application September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022
- I. Regional Subgrant Grants Application-Final

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. City Manager reported that he recently purchased a pride flag. He reported statistics regarding the gun violence in America. He reported that America needs to do something about people murdering people with guns.
- B. Department of Public Works reported that the bridge has been delayed due to ATT fiberoptic. He reported that there were two seasonal employees that returned this summer. He also congratulated Tanya on passing her water license test.
  - i. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.
- C. Police Department.
- D. Fire Department reported that the department has been very busy.
- E. City Clerk reported that the community will be receiving AV Applications and redistricting informational cards in the near future.
- F. Finance Director/Treasurer.
  - i. Cash Summary Report.
  - ii. Revenue/Expenditure Report.
  - iii. Balance Sheet

G. Code Enforcement.

City Council thanked the Code Enforcer for the work that she has completed in the community.

H. Building Inspection.

I. Board and Commission Minutes:

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11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

**Powell** hopes that the council can make some progress on the multifamily issues and is looking forward to the upcoming summer activities.

**Atchison** reiterated Ms. Powell's comments. She also is looking forward to serve on the Planning Commission again and will do so as long as necessary, but hopes someone is interested in serving on the board.

**Gross** that reported that he does not have a problem with development, but he wants to make sure that it is done correctly. He thanked the department heads for all they do. He wants to bring an end to the multifamily unit issues and resolve it.

**Hamel** thanked the department heads for all their work and continued to urge residents to reach out with any questions.

**Nixon** is not willing to lose anymore people to gun violence. She will not be praying because it doesn't do anything. She will never support anyone funded by the NRA with her vote. She thanked the City for all the work that they do.

**Conley** reported statistics regarding school shootings across America during her time as a teacher. She reported that we need to do better.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

**Conley** adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

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Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

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Pamela Conley, Mayor